

South Pasadena Public Library
Local History Collection
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South Pasadena Public Library: Local History Collection

Collector: South Pasadena Public Library, Local History Collection (California)

Extent: In process

Repository: South Pasadena Public Library

Abstract:

The collection consists of a variety of materials including books, documents, newspapers, yearbooks, an extensive photography collection, and other various types of material about the City of South Pasadena. Some of the notable series within the collection include materials relating to the South Pasadena Public Library's early history, Post 140 of the American Legion, local government, Cawston Ostrich Farm, and the Tournament of Roses. As a service to the community, the library collects and preserves these materials to increase their accessibility to the public. Because of the nature of the collection, which includes rare and unique material, it is non-circulating and can only be accessed within the library. The Local History Librarian can assist patrons in accessing and using the material.

**South Pasadena Public Library
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Finding Aid**

Reference Desk

South Pasadena Public Library Board of Trustees Manuals	2000
City of South Pasadena City Ordinances	Through 2011
City of South Pasadena Zoning Code	Sept. 2002
City of South Pasadena Municipal Code	Updated Feb 2014
Quick Guide to the South Pasadena Public Library	2003
Final Draft Report, Historic Resources Survey for South Pasadena B1&2	2003
City of South Pasadena Historical Cultural Heritage Inventory	2001
City of South Pasadena Historical Resources Survey Inventory of Addresses- First Draft	1994
City of South Pasadena Properties	2008
979.493 Apostol. South Pasadena: A Centennial History	2008
United States Census Bureau 2005-2007 American Community Survey South Pasadena 3 Year Estimate	2008
979.43 Thomas The Arroyo Seco	2008
979.43 Thomas The Raymond Hotel	2008
979.43 Thomas South Pasadena	2009
South Pasadena Photo Binder Collection	n.d.
Vision Rialto: Option and Consideration for Revitalizing the Rialto Theatre: South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce	2009
Arroyo Oaks Senior Housing Project, Draft Environmental Impact Report	2004
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Management and Remediation Plan	2001
Utilities Users Tax Renewal Elections: Arguments and Rebuttals	2002
Arroyo Seco Channel Repair Project	2009
South Pasadena Downtown Revitalization Project Environmental Impact Report	2007
South Pasadena Downtown Revitalization Project Environmental Impact Report	2008
City of South Pasadena Building Permits	1904-1928
South Pasadena City Directories (Microfilm)	1893-1962 1964-1997
South Pasadena Review (Microfilm)	1945-2014
South Pasadena Journal (Microfilm)	1988-1992
South Pasadena Newspapers and City Directories Digitized (Hard Drives)	1893-present (with gaps)

Local History I. (Downstairs Closet)

South Pasadena Unified School District Directories	1964-1979
South Pasadena Junior High School Yearbook (Tiger Club)	1952-1962
South Pasadena Junior High School Newspaper (La Torre)	1931-1962
Broadbent Military Academy Yearbooks	1920-1937
South Pasadena High School Yearbooks (Copa de Oro)	1909-2014 1918 not published

South Pasadena High School the Grand Reunion V.1-V. 2	1907-1982
Los Angeles County Census	1993
South Pasadena Beautiful Scrapbook	n.d.
South Pasadena Publicity Binders	1965-1996
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Fact Books	1964-1965, 1967, 1974-1975
South Pasadena Jubilee Publication	1975
City of South Pasadena Building Permits	1925-1929
City of South Pasadena Electrical Permits	May 1914-August 1924
The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of South Pasadena Monterey Hills Project#1	June 27 th , 1957
The South Pasadena Quarterly	1987- 2014
Markytan Scout Day Collection	n.d.
South Pasadena Post 140 American Legion Collection	In process
City of South Pasadena City Council Meetings (DVDs)	*1/15/03 01/18/06-present
South Pasadena Unified School District Board Meetings (DVDs)	09/28/06-present
California's Gold (VHS tapes)	#204-210
City of South Pasadena 4 th of July Festival of Balloons (DVD)	2008
Architectural Plans: Proposed Library and Senior Center Expansion	2004
City of South Pasadena Proclamations (Framed):	
Jane Apostol Day	11/01/2008
Library Volunteer Recognition Day	04/16/2010
Library Volunteer Recognition Day	03/18/2011
Library Volunteer Recognition Day	03/16/2012
Library Volunteer Recognition Day	03/08/2013
Awards and Plaques:	
South Pasadena Public Library Plaque	07/31/1982
California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC) Outstanding Service award presented to the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library	November 2003
South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce "Business of Giving" award presented to the Friends of the South Pasadena Library	2008
"Batting Champ" trophy, presented by South Pasadena Disposal	1959-1971

Local History II (Upstairs Conference Room)

Local Author	Authors from or living/lived South Pasadena
Local History/Local Interest	Books and materials relating to South Pasadena
Early Collection	Books that are part of the library's first collection including literature, biography and a few non-fiction volumes.
City of South Pasadena, Local Government	Documents and Reports including General plan, Environmental Reports, Budgets and Revitalization Projects
MTA Proposals and Reports	Includes Reports on the Gold and Blue train lines
Freeway Proposals and Reports	Includes Reports on the Proposed Expansion of the 710 Freeways and Route 7.

Local History III (Upstairs Closet)

City of South Pasadena Demolished Building Records	
El Centro South Pasadena School PTA minutes and other records	
City of South Pasadena City Accounts	
City of South Pasadena Budget Reports	1977-1976
City of South Pasadena Budget Reports	1997-2006
City of South Pasadena Comprehensive Annual Reports	1997
Cultural Heritage Commission various records	See CH index
Post 140 American Legion South Pasadena various records and materials	
U.S. Capitol Flags presented to Mayor Schneider by Congressman Schiff	2007, 2010

Local History IV (Four Fireproof Cabinets downstairs)

Archival Cabinet 1

Drawer 1	The Tournament of Roses Collection (Parade Programs and some photos)	1893-1989
Drawer 2	The Tournament of Roses Collection (Parade Programs and some photos)	1990-Present
Drawer 3	Early South Pasadena Library Records Collection: -Constitution and Catalogue, South Pasadena Free Reading Room, 1889 -Borrowers: Ladies and Gentlemen, with cash receipts, fines, circulation, 1895-1903 -Circulation Statistics, 1906-1917 -Early Registrations, 1906 -“Guests” Record Book -Library Board Minutes, 1925 -“Gentlemen” Registration -“Ladies” Registration -Gentlemen’s Records, 1924 -Ladies’ Records, 1922 (2 items) -Card Holder Records, 1914 -Reference Record Book 1936-38 -Library Board of Trustees Minutes, 1895 -Library Board of Trustees Minutes, 1906 -South Pasadena Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 1917	16 Archival Boxes
Drawer 3	Soft Cover Books and Pamphlets	3 Archival Boxes
Drawer 3	Miniature Books: Jane Apostol and others	
Drawer 3	Appealing and Historical Trees of South Pasadena	1 Archival Box
Drawer 3	Older Settler Association Minute book	1 Archival Box
Drawer 3	South Pasadena: A Short History, by F. Stoney Historian Writes Story of Rancho San Pasqual, by L. Hill	1 Archival Box
Drawer 4	Cawston Ostrich Farm Collection	1 Archival Box
Drawer 4	Stuffed Ostrich Chick, Cawston Ostrich Farm	1 Archival Box
Drawer 4	Ostrich Feathers in Original Packaging-Black (1) and White (1), Cawston Ostrich Farm	1 Archival Box
Drawer 4	Cawston Ostrich Farm Scrapbook	1 Archival Box
Drawer 4	Post Office Dedication: Steele Stamp	July 18, 1936
Drawer 4	Original Post Office Key with notation	n/d

Drawer 4	City of South Pasadena Ledgers of Building and Plumbing: 1904- 1921 & 1921-1924 Abstract of Title, Gilette and Gibson Supplemental Abstract of Title, Los Angeles Abstract Co.	1904-1921; 1921-1924 1886 1889
Drawer 4	City of South Pasadena Receipts and Disbursement Journal	1940-1945

Archival Cabinet 2

Drawer 1	South Pasadena City Directories	1893-1940
Drawer 2	South Pasadena City Directories	1941-1968
Drawer 3	South Pasadena City Directories	1974-2009
Drawer 4	South Pasadena City Directories	2009-Present

Archival Cabinet 3

Drawer 1	South Pasadena Public Library Archive Photo Collection	LA-Ph 1- 2876
Drawer 2	Tournament of Roses Slides	1 Small Box
Drawer 2	Kenny Print Collection	4 Boxes
Drawer 2	Kenny/Meyer Prints	2 Boxes
Drawer 2	Truman Keith Print Collection	1890's
Drawer 3	War Memorial Photo Album	
Drawer 3	El Centro Class Photos	1920-1987
Drawer 3	South Pasadena Scout Day Parade	1963
Drawer 4	Frank B. Higgins South Pasadena Police Chief Scrapbook	
Drawer 4	South Pasadena Library Archive- Oversized Prints	LA-Ph 0869-0909
Drawer 4	City of South Pasadena Public Works Album	1950-1960
Drawer 4	Cultural Heritage Committee Prints	
Drawer 4	City of South Pasadena Time Capsule	

Archival Cabinet 4

Drawer 1	Prints	LP0001-LP0872
Drawer 2	Prints	LP0873-LP1777
Drawer 2	Prints	In process
Drawer 2	Box of Slides-not labeled	
Drawer 2	Box of 3/5 celluloid negatives	
Drawer 2	Cultural Heritage Narration Magnetic Recording	
Drawer 2	3 Boxes of Local South Pasadena Slides	
Drawer 2	Box of Tournament of Roses Slides	
Drawer 2	Slides in Carousel of South Pasadena Landmarks	
Drawer 2	3 Envelopes of South Pasadena Buildings	
Drawer 3	Collection of Glass Slides from Public Works	
Drawer 3	DVD's of South Pasadena Review	
Drawer 3	DVD's of Prints	
Drawer 3	Panoramic photograph courtesy of the Huntington Library; Possibly the earliest panoramic photograph of South Pasadena (CD format. File name: photPF_23975.tif)	ca 1887
Drawer 4	Microfilm of South Pasadena Newspapers	1893-2007
Drawer 4	Microfilm of South Pasadena City Directories	1893-1997

Reference Office

Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 1	Local History Files Biographies	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 2	Local History Files Biographies	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 3	Local History Files Businesses	
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Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 4	Local History Files Civic Organizations	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 4	Local History Files Crime	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 5	Local History Files City Government	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 6	Local History Files South Pasadena History	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 6	Local History Files Historic Landmarks	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 7	Local History Files Historic Places	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 7	Local History Files Long Beach Freeway	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 7	Local History Files Schools	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 7	Local History Files Weather	
Filing Cabinet 1	Drawer 8	Local History Files South Pasadena Address Files	
Filing Cabinet 2	Drawer 1	South Pasadena Library Scrapbooks and Photo Albums	
Filing Cabinet 2	Drawer 2	Donor Files	
Filing Cabinet 2	Drawer 2	South Pasadena Library Files	
Filing Cabinet 2	Drawer 3	State Library Annuals Report	1930-1993
Filing Cabinet 2	Drawer 4	South Pasadena Library Summer Reading Program Scrapbooks and Files	
Filing Cabinet 3	Drawer 1	Library Archive Manuscripts : see index	LA-Ms 1- LA-Ms 99
Filing Cabinet 3	Drawer 2	Library Archive Manuscripts: see index	LA-Ms 100- LA-Ms 191
Filing Cabinet 3	Drawer 3	South Pasadena Library Newspaper Clippings	n.d. 1893-1996
Filing Cabinet 3	Drawer 3	South Pasadena Library Staff Association Binder	

Filing Cabinet 3	Drawer 4	Library Archive Printed Files: see index	LA PR 1- LA PR 68
Filing Cabinet 4	Drawer 1	Local Donor Files	In process
Filing Cabinet 4	Drawer 2	Local Donor Files	In process
Filing Cabinet 4	Drawer 3	Obituary Abstracts from Newspapers (originals)	1911-1996
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Filing Cabinet 5	Drawer 1	Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Files	
Filing Cabinet 5	Drawer 2	Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Files	
Filing Cabinet 5	Drawer 3	Beebe/LeValley Book Files	
Flat File 1	Drawer 1	Maps	See Flat File Index
Flat File 1	Drawer 2	Artwork	See Flat File Index
Flat File 1	Drawer 3	Printed Items	See Flat File Index
Flat File 1	Drawer 4	Certificates	See Flat File Index
Flat File 1	Drawer 4	Sally Swan Materials	See Flat File Index
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